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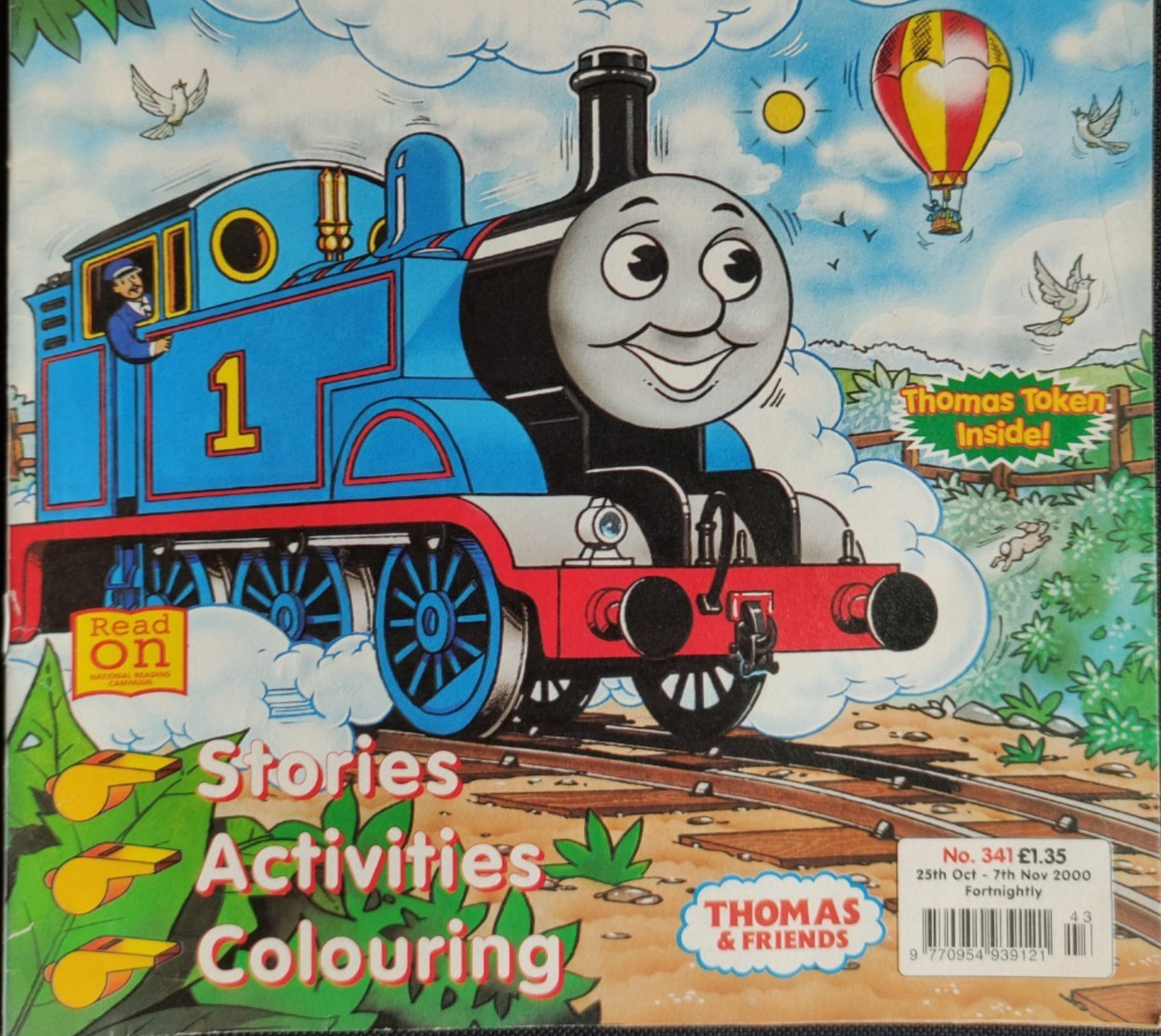

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fun to read together

Perfect Puff!

1. One morning, the steam engines were playing a game. They wanted to see who could huff and puff the hardest. Clouds of thick smoke carried across the Yard.

2. It drifted on to a platform, so the passengers hurried into the Waiting Room until the smoke cleared. More floated into the Stationmaster's garden, too.

3. His washing was hanging out on the line and it was soon covered in sooty spots. "Stop this silly game!" he shouted to the other engines.

4. But they were all making so much noise they did not hear. Then Thomas slowly rolled under a footbridge. "You watch my funnel!" he called to the others.

5. Thomas blew extra hard and the footbridge disappeared for a moment in a spout of smoke. "Hey!" cried a passenger who was walking across the bridge.

6. He was directly above the smoke. The man coughed and spluttered. "Ooer!" thought Thomas, "My mistake! I didn't see him standing up there!"

7. The man angrily went to The Fat Controller's office to complain. The Fat Controller was very sorry. "The Railway will pay for your clothes to be cleaned," he said.

8. The man was also given a free ticket for his journey on Thomas' passenger train. The Fat Controller turned to Thomas. "No more smoky tricks now," he warned.

9. "I want my engines to be Really Useful, not really naughty," added The Fat Controller. Thomas set off to take the passenger up the line. Later, Thomas came back again.

10. As Thomas puffed by some marshland, he spotted a big, bright bubble floating in the sky. As it flew towards him, he could see it was a hot-air balloon.

11. Suddenly it began to lose height. A man on board was waving urgently. "Something's wrong!" cried Thomas. Thomas thought he would land on the line.

12. But his driver pointed to the marsh. "Oh, no! The balloon is going to drop into it!" he shouted. Thomas raced forwards underneath the hot-air balloon.

13. Then he blew it higher into the sky again with a mighty blast from his funnel. It was enough to carry the balloon over the marsh so it landed safely in a green meadow.

14. Later, the balloonist went to thank Thomas. It was the man from the footbridge. "I'm glad you puff hard," he laughed. "I'll never grumble about sooty spots again!"

The End

Look and See!

1. What is the boy on the bottom-left holding?
2. Point to the bonfire.
3. What is the man on the right selling?

Thomas loves fireworks night!
Look at the picture. What can you see?

Answers: 1. a sparkler. 2. on the right. 3. hot dogs.

Rusty's rebus story

The Art Class

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

James

driver

lake

horse

ruler

paintbox

rubber

coin

One morning steamed into the Main Station to pick up a party of schoolchildren. "It'll be like a day off for us, !" smiled his . "We're taking these children for a day out painting!"

The children boarded and hurried to the loop line where the best views were to be found. "Look, children, there's a beautiful here to paint," encouraged the teacher, "and there's a farmhouse and a . I expect some lovely landscapes!"

The children soon decided what to paint.

"May I borrow a , please?" asked a boy called Nicholas.

"Of course!" came a reply, but may I borrow your so I can draw around it?"

"Oh dear!" exclaimed a little girl called Kelly, "I just can't draw circles. Will anyone lend me a so I can start again, and a large to draw round?" The teacher was puzzled. "Why do you need a , Nicholas, and what do you want with a , Kelly? There are no straight lines or circles in the landscape!" She went to see how the children were doing, "I don't believe it," she exclaimed, everyone's painting !"

The End

Colouring Fun

Trevor is hard at work in the orchard. Why don't you brighten up his day by adding some colour to this happy scene?

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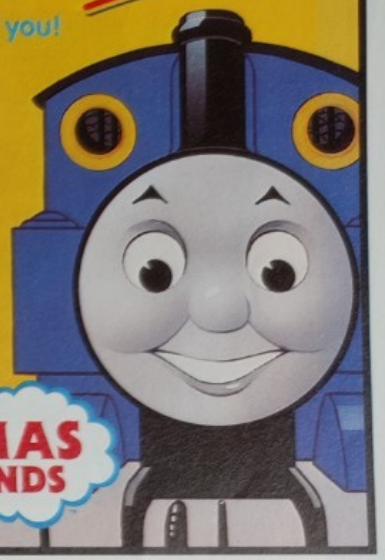

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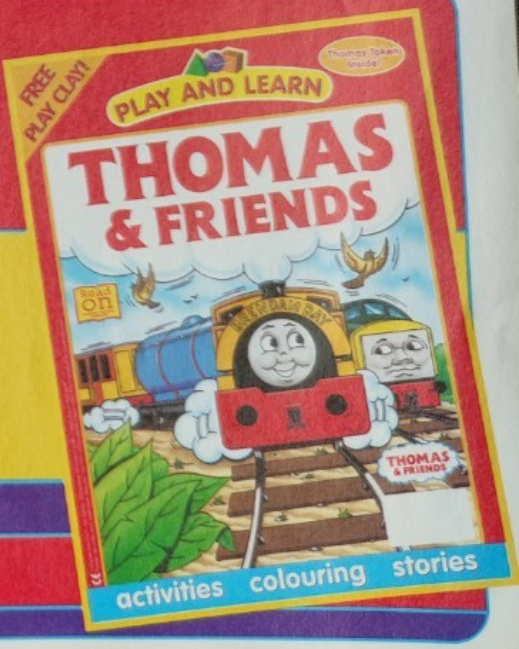


Story puzzle

1

3

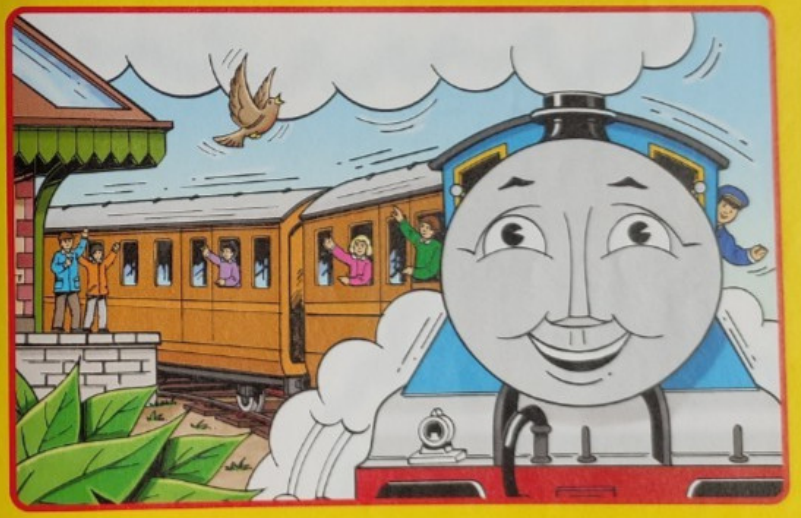
The right order is

answer: 2,3,1,4

Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in. Then tell the story yourself.

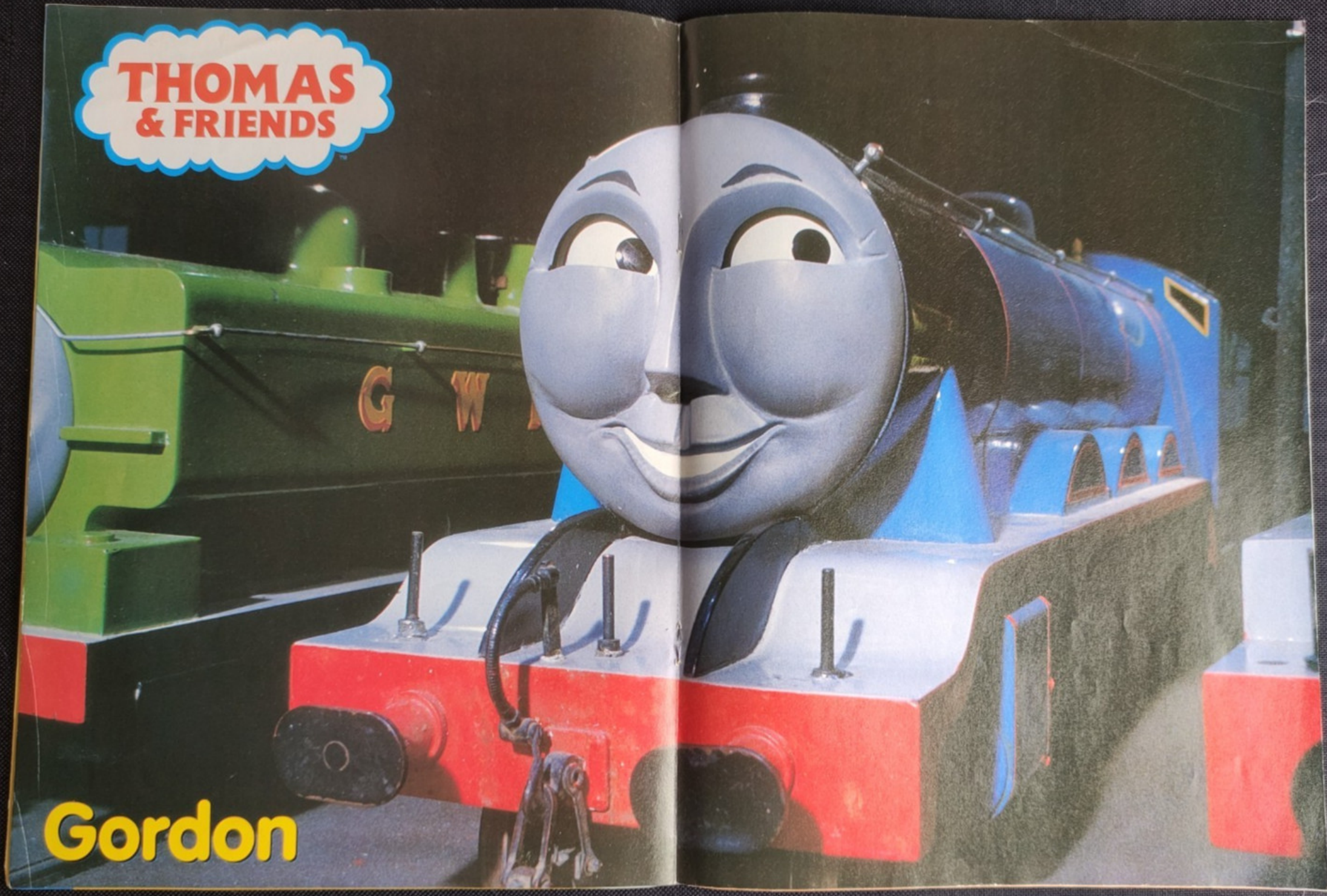
2

4



Who picked up the passengers?

answer: Gordon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Thomas' rhyme time!

Night Ride!

Oh, what a noisy
Hallowe'en,

With spooks and
witches to be seen,

They're children dressed
up, trick or treating,

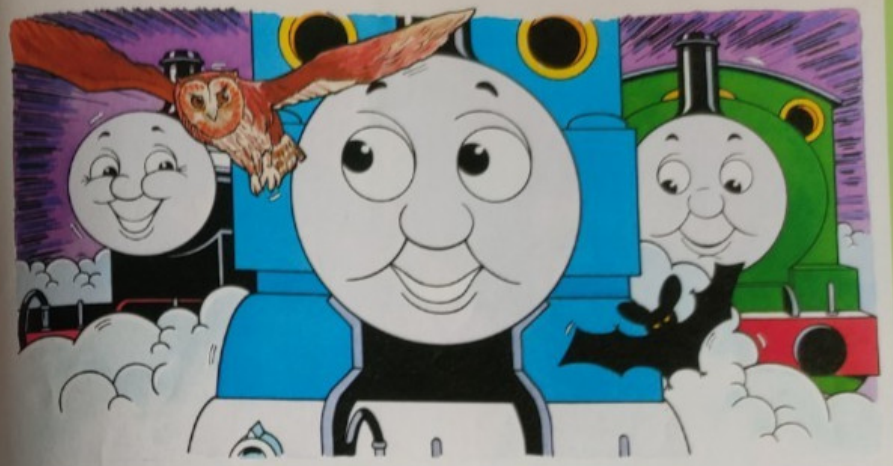
Some are playing,
others eating!

Bright pumpkin
lanterns in the yard,

How the engines
stare so hard,

For the lamps have
funny faces,

Lighting up the
darkest places.



Hear the children joke and laugh,
Families of the railway staff,

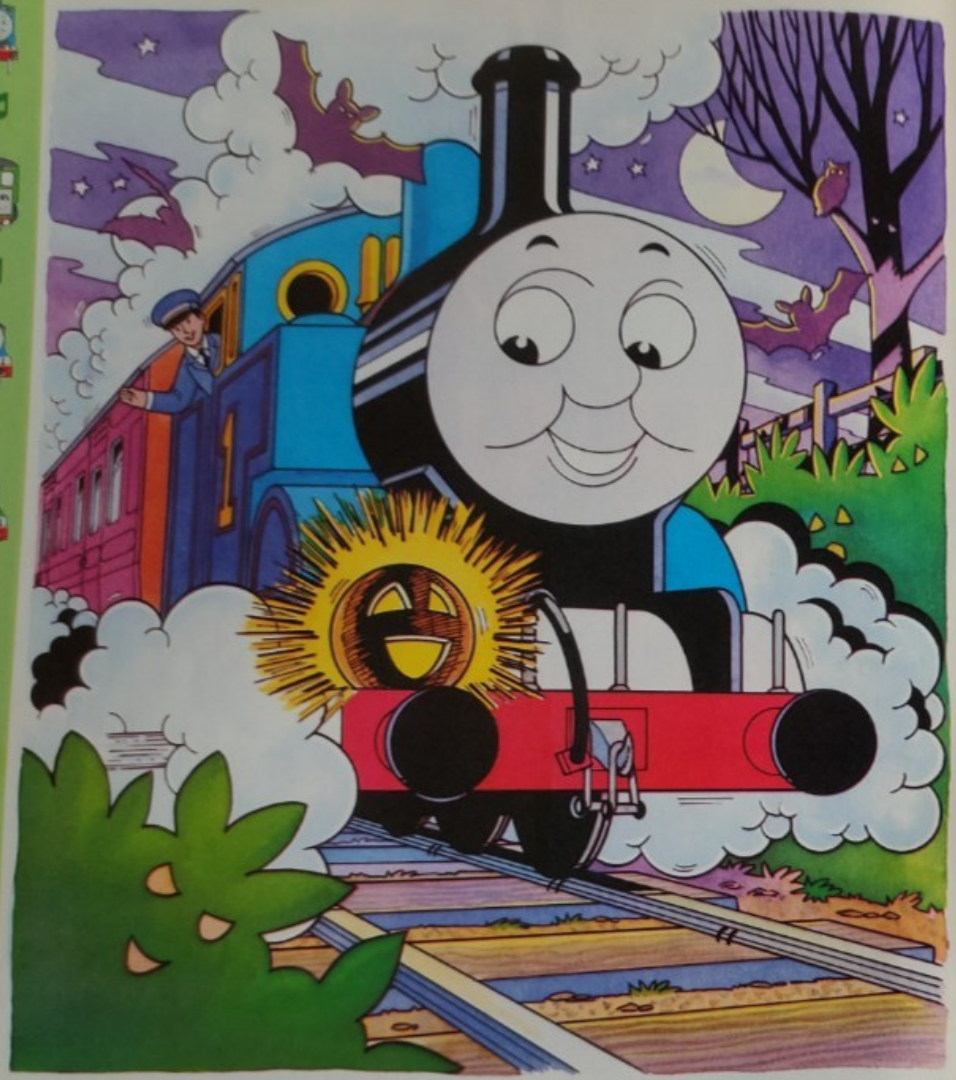
A party treat as a surprise,
Lots of fun and happy cries!

It's getting late, the
party ends,

The children say
goodbye to friends,

Then home to rest their
weary heads,

They'll soon be
sleeping in their beds!



Thomas takes them through the night,
But he has the strangest light,

A pumpkin lantern is on show,
The engine has an eerie glow!

The End

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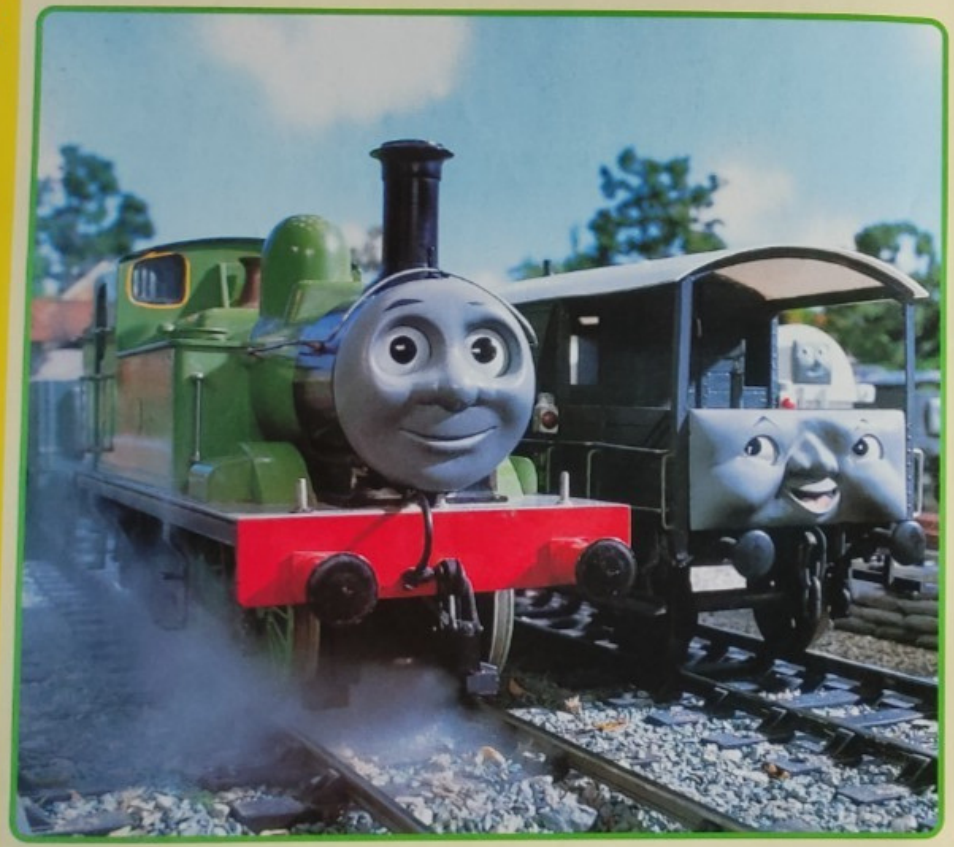
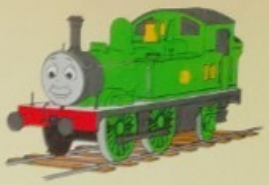
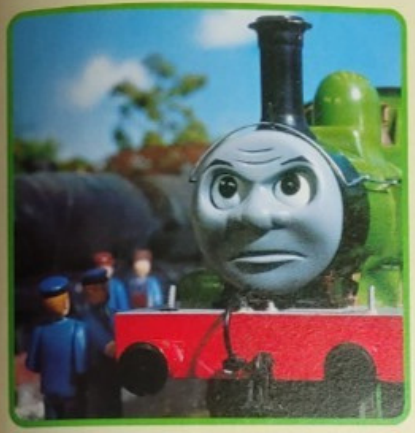
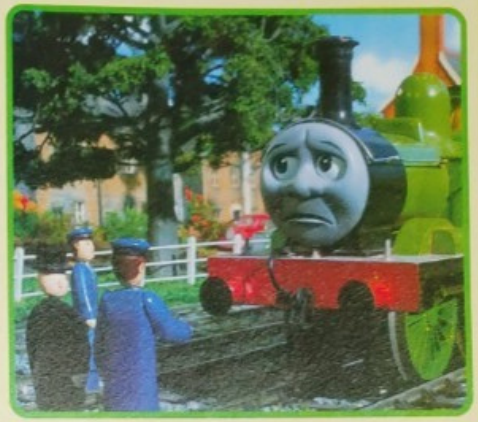


Oliver and his brake van Toad were saved from scrap by Douglas and are very grateful to him. Oliver had a new coat of paint of which he is very proud and now works happily on Duck's branch line. Although he is No.11 on Sir Topham Hatt's railway, he still carries his GWR livery from his days working on the mainland.







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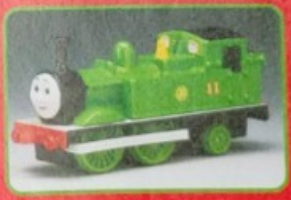

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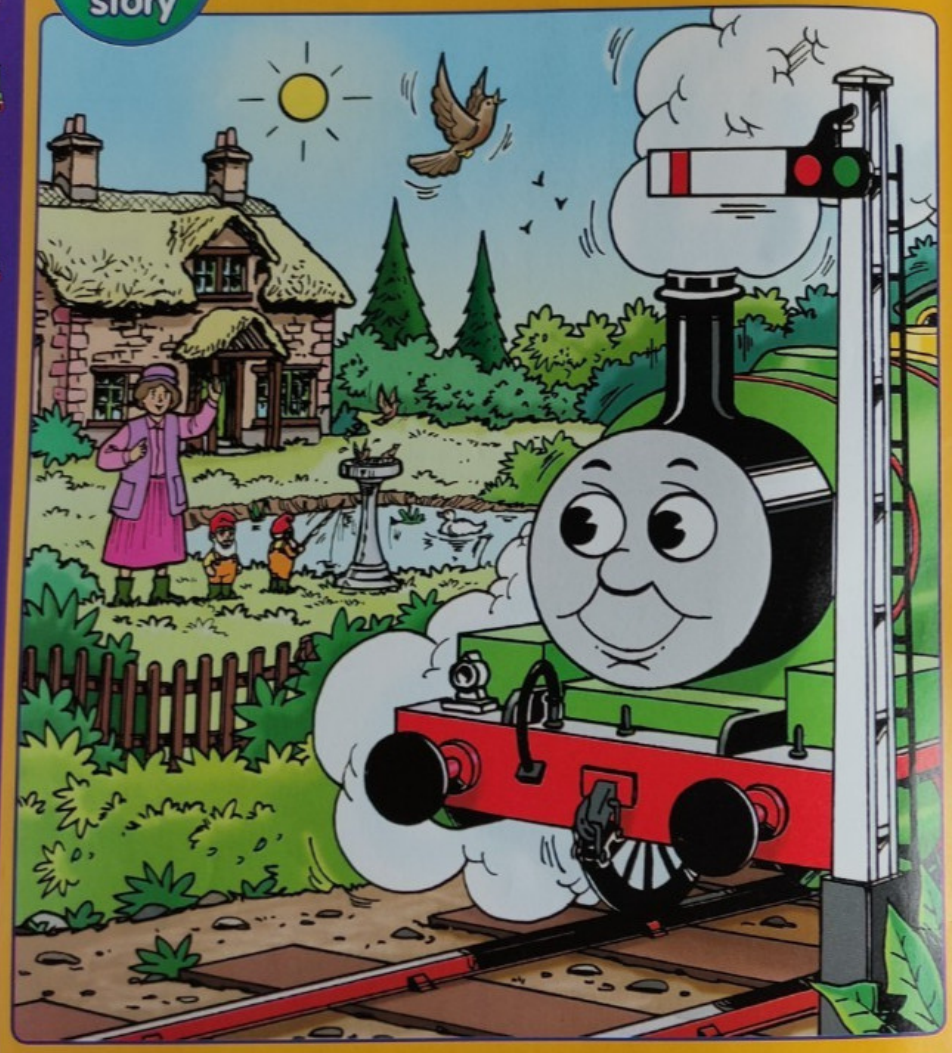
percy's bedtime story

Percy and the Pixies

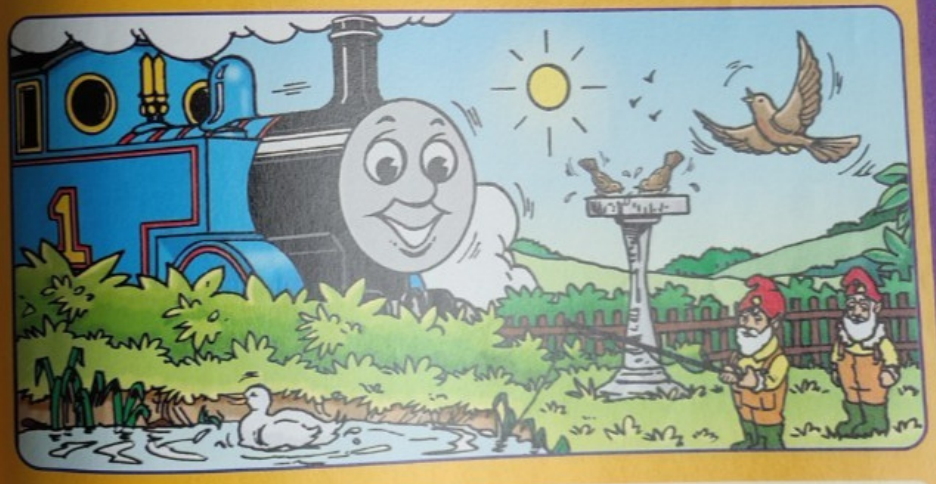


1. One day, Percy was helping out on Thomas' branch line. As he waited for a signal to change, Percy saw Mrs Kyndly in her garden. She held two little gnomes.

2. Mrs Kyndly stood one gnome by her pond and the other next to the birdbath. She waved to Percy who whistled. "Those gnomes give me an idea," he smiled.

3. Meanwhile, Thomas had taken some children to the church hall. They were rehearsing for a show. From the station, Thomas could see the children's costumes.

4. After a long drink at the water tower, Thomas puffed back down the line. Shortly, he passed Percy. "You'll never believe it," shouted Percy. "I've just met two gnomes!"



5. "They were sitting in a garden in the sun!" he added, trying not to laugh. "You and your silly stories," snorted Thomas. Soon he neared Mrs Kyndly's cottage too.

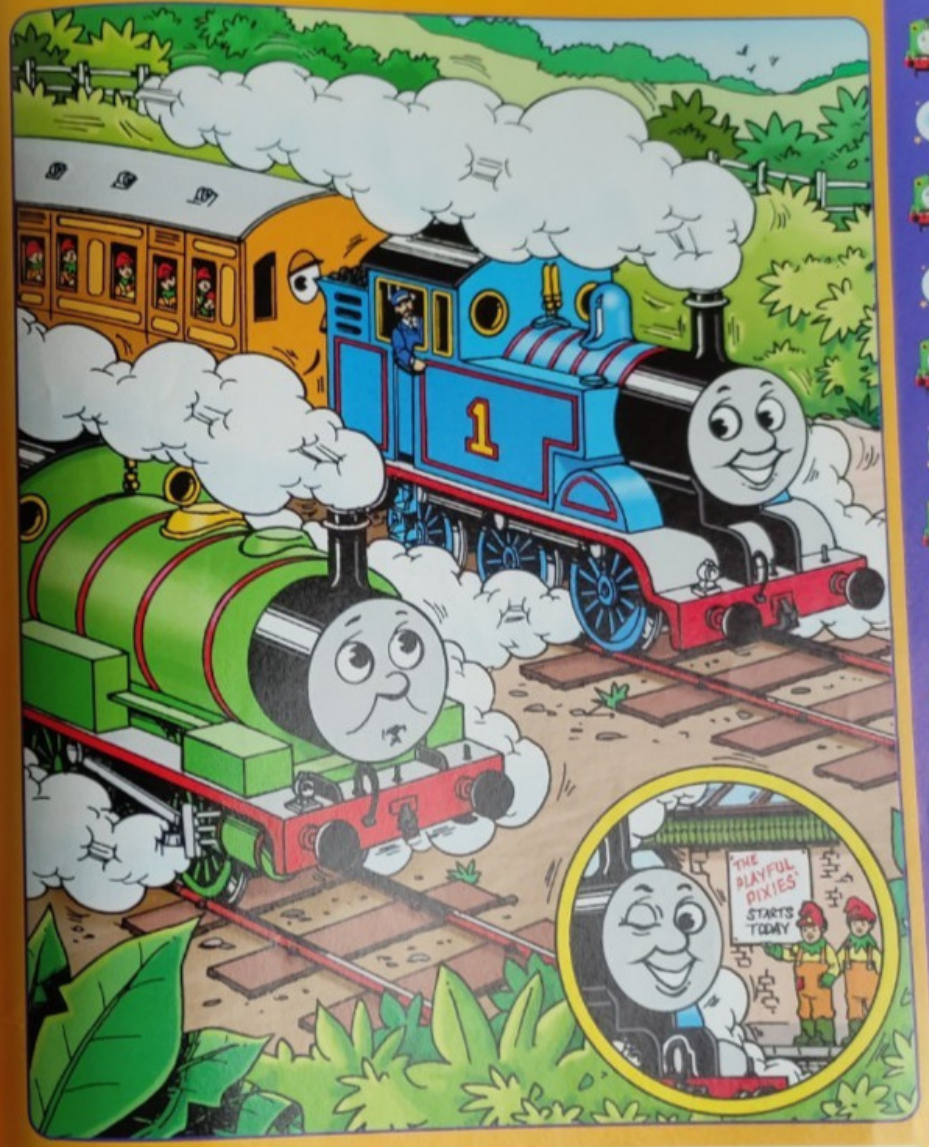
6. Now Thomas saw the gnomes himself. "Just as I thought," he said. "They're garden ornaments. Percy likes a joke!" Later, Thomas returned to collect the children.

7. The vicar spoke to the children's parents. "When Thomas brings you here tomorrow, it will save time if the children are already wearing their costumes," he said.

8. Thomas was listening carefully. "Hmm! I'll teach Percy. I've a trick up my funnel," he thought. So that night, in the engine shed, Thomas put his playful plan into action.

9. I'll be seeing my pixie friends tomorrow, Percy," he teased, "and they're not just garden models, like Mrs Kyndly's gnomes!" Of course, Percy didn't believe him.

10. Next day, Percy left the Main Station first. "See you later," said Thomas, "when I give all the pixies a ride!" Soon the children arrived. Then Thomas set off for the show.

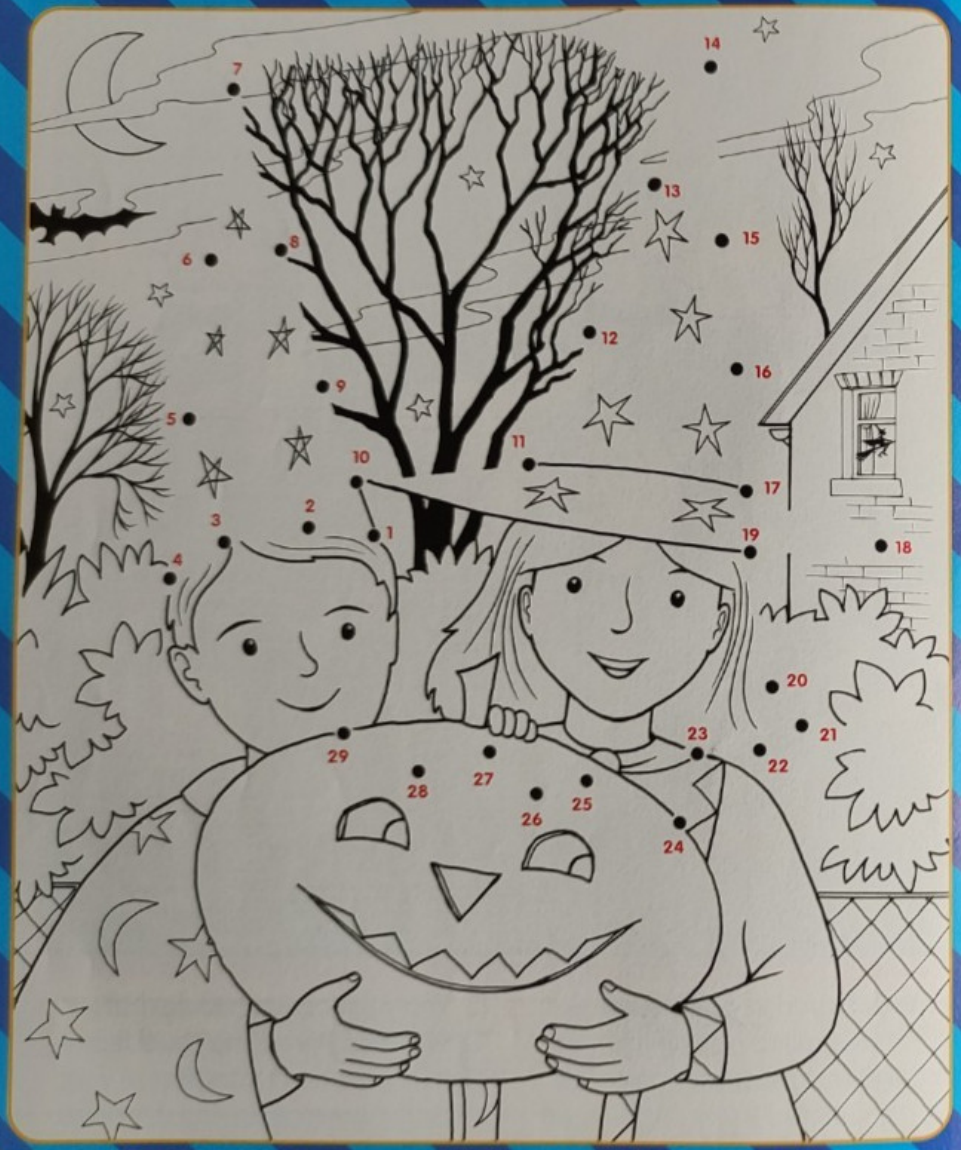


11. Percy stared in astonishment as Thomas rolled by, with his brightly dressed passengers. "It's true!" spluttered Percy. "Annie and Clarabel are full of pixies!"

12. Thomas raced on to the hall. "That fooled Percy!" he chuckled. "I'll tell him when I take the children home again. But, for now, it can be our little secret!" **The End**

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to see what Stephen and Bridget are wearing.



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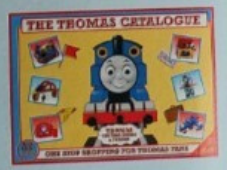

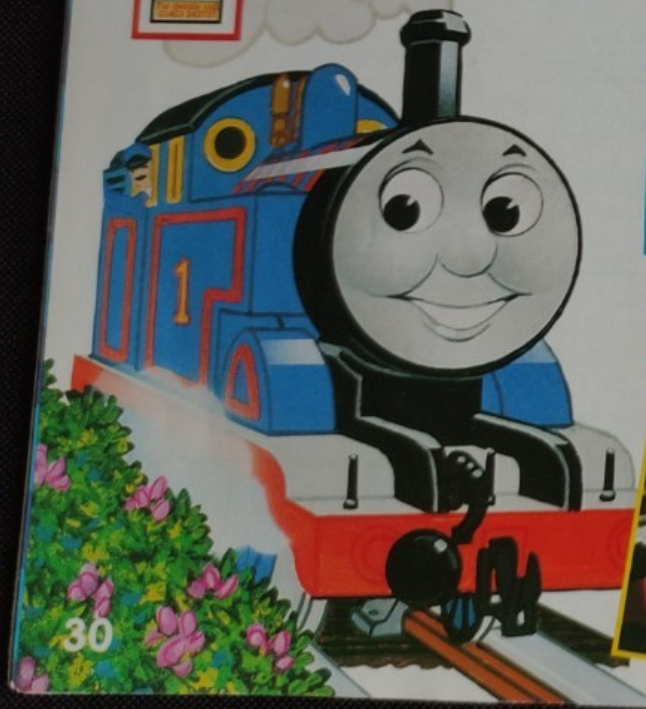

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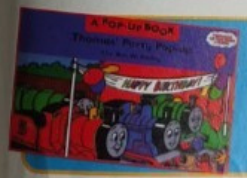
A great picture of Thomas by Joseph Salmamel, aged 4.



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a copy of Thomas' Party Pop-Up book from Egmont Children's Books.

Happy birthday!

To

Liam Llewellyn, aged 4,
Nathan Sherrington, aged 4,
Nicholas Wright, aged 4,
Evan James Traynor, aged 2,
Anthony Chambers, aged 3,
Nathan Jeremiah, aged 4,
Jack Purvis, aged 3,
Ross Birkinshaw aged 4,
Duncan Birkinshaw, aged 2,
Kristian Hogg, aged 3.

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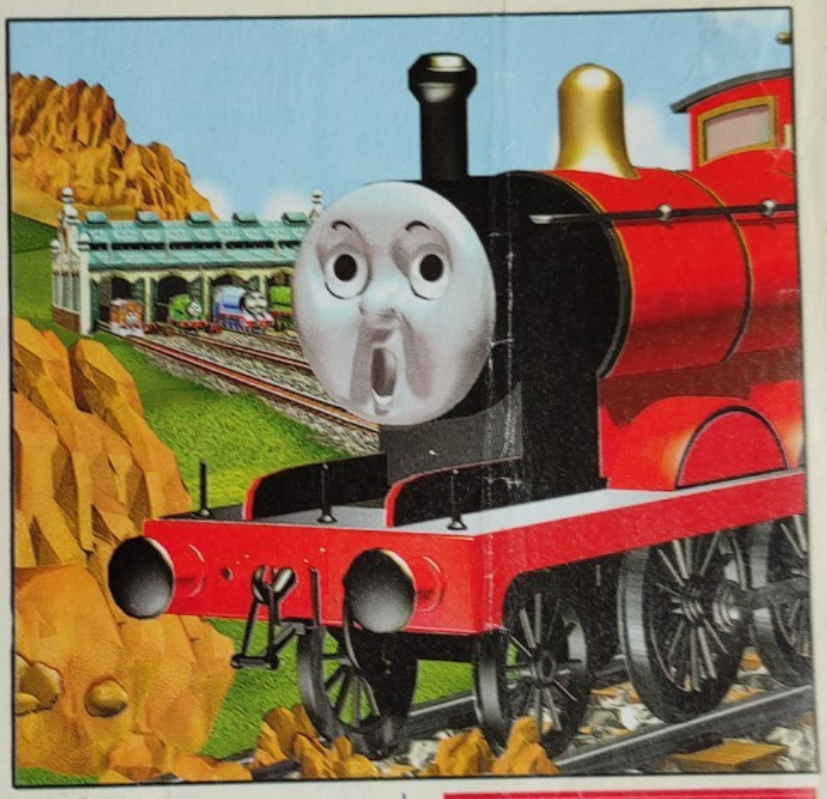
During yesterday afternoon James was found derailed.

Sir Topham Hatt commented "...without Thomas coming to the rescue our evening passenger run would have been cancelled, he really is a useful engine!"



Harold spots crash location...
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ROCKY RIDE...James lucky escape
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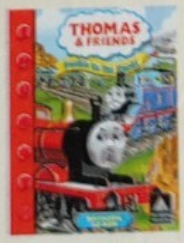

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